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# DON'T GO TO BLAZES ELIMINATE FIRE HAZARDS

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## SMASH THE 7TH COLUMN

TO THE MARINE ON GUADACANAL, WAR IS NO NEWSPAPER HEADLINE WITH THE MORNING CUP OF COFFEE. WAR IS THE SCREAM OF BOMBS CRASHING DOWN AROUND HIM - A BAYONET IN THE HANDS OF A SKULKING ENEMY - HUNGER AND WORK AND DIRT AND GRIM DETERMINATION - A FRIEND DYING IN A FOX-HOLE BESIDE HIM.

AMERICA HAS JUST ONE DUTY NOW - TO BACK UP OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WITH PLANES AND TANKS AND GUNS AND SHIPS AND FOOD. THERE IS ONLY ONE PATH TO VICTORY. WE MUST OUT-PRODUCE THE ENEMY.

THERE IS A JOB FOR EVERYONE TO DO. WE CAN DO IT, TOO, IF EVERYONE OF US WILL WORK TO DESTROY THE ENEMIES IN OUR MIDST. THE WORST OF THESE ENEMIES IS CARELESSNESS, AMERICA'S 7TH COLUMN.

THE 7TH COLUMN IS CAUSING MORE DESTRUCTION AND DELAY IN OUR PRODUCTION PROGRAM THAN ALL THE SABOTAGE OF THE AXIS

5TH COLUMN. THE 7TH COLUMN IS CREATING MORE WASTE AND CONFUSION THAN ALL THE RUMORS AND LOOSE TALK SPREAD BY THE 6TH COLUMN. THE 7TH COLUMN IS SERIOUSLY DELAYING THE DELIVERY OF FOOD AND WEAPONS TO FIGHTING FRONTS AROUND THE WORLD.

DOES IT SEEM HARD TO BELIEVE THAT CARELESSNESS IS SUCH A POWERFUL ENEMY? HERE IS OUR SHAMEFUL RECORD ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL: BECAUSE OF ACCIDENTS, 488,000,000 MAN-DAYS OF PRODUCTION TIME WERE LOST IN 1942 - ENOUGH TO MAKE 23,000 FLYING FORTRESSES, OR 300,000 LIGHT TANKS. MORE THAN 220,000 WORKERS WERE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED BY ACCIDENTS - THE EQUIVALENT OF 15 DIVISIONS IN OUR PRODUCTION ARMY.

ITS TIME WE STOPPED THESE ACCIDENTS. ITS TIME WE DECLARED TOTAL WAR, HERE AT HOME ON THE WORKING FRONT, ON THE 7TH COLUMN. EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD MUST REALIZE THAT CARE-

LESSNESS IN THE HOME, ON THE HIGHWAY OR AT WORK IS TREACHERY TO OUR MEN ON THE FIGHTING FRONTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THIS CRUSADE BEGINS AT HOME - WITH YOU. DON'T LEAVE THE JOB TO OTHERS. DON'T RELY ON LUCK TO PROTECT YOU. BACK UP THE ARMED FORCES BY MAKING THESE RESOLUTIONS RIGHT NOW. STICK TO THEM UNTIL THE WAR IS WON.

1. SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME. FROM ATTIC TO BASEMENT I WILL CLEAN UP ACCIDENT AND FIRE HAZARDS.

2. I WILL LEARN THE SAFETY RULES WHERE I WORK AND WILL OBEY THEM AT ALL TIMES. I WILL GUARD AGAINST CARELESSNESS IN MYSELF AS WELL AS OTHERS.

3. I WILL DRIVE MY CAR CAREFULLY - AS THOUGH IT BELONGED TO MY COUNTRY. I WILL DRIVE DEFENSIVELY, KEEPING CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT FOR THE FOOLISH DRIVING OF OTHERS.

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\* ACCIDENT PREVENTION IS UP TO ONE MAN. \*  
\* THAT MAN IS YOU! \*  
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4. I WILL LIVE, DRIVE AND WORK SAFELY. I WILL DO MY PART TO SMASH THE 7TH COLUMN AND HELP WIN THE WAR MORE QUICKLY.

("LIBERTY MUTUAL SAFETY BULLETIN")

#### FOR YOU

HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK WHAT IS BEING DONE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THEN MADE A COMPARISON WITH WHAT YOU ARE DOING YOURSELF?

DO YOU KNOW THAT IN THE PAST YEAR AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$50.00 WAS SPENT FOR EACH MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR SAFETY?

THE ARMY, THE NAVY, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS, WEATHER BUREAUS, PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, THE ICEBERG PATROL AND COUNTLESS OTHER AGENCIES WERE MAINTAINED. LEVEES, SAFE HARBORS AND CHANNELS, DAMS, AND FLOOD-CONTROL RESERVOIRS WERE CONSTRUCTED. ALL FOR YOUR SAFETY.

THE ONLY KIND OF SAFETY THAT HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED AND CANNOT BE PROVIDED IS PROTECTION AGAINST OUR EVERY-DAY ACTS - THE THINGS THAT WE DO OURSELVES. HERE IS WHERE OUR ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM FITS INTO THE PICTURE. THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES; HOW TO CONTROL THEIR ACTIONS SO THAT INJURY, SUFFERING, AND LOSS MAY BE AVERTED. THERE IS NO OUTSIDE FORCE OR AGENCY WHICH CAN CONTROL OUR ACTIONS. THAT CONTROL IS VESTED WITHIN OURSELVES. THE SAFETY PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO SERVE AS A GUIDE.

IT IS A TEACHING IN WHICH WE MAY LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS, HOW TO CONTROL OUR EVERY-DAY ACTS AND IN WHICH WE MAY ASSIST OTHERS BY OUR OWN EXPERIENCES.

THE SAFETY PROGRAM REQUIRES THAT NO SACRIFICE OR HARDSHIP BE ENDURED TO SECURE THE BENEFITS. IT DOES REQUIRE WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT AND A DESIRE FOR SELF-PROTECTION.

SUPPORT YOUR ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY. THINK IT OVER!

(JACKSONVILLE FLA. SAFETYGRAM)

#### JUST ONE LITTLE HABIT

IF YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SEVERAL ACCIDENTS, OR EXPERIENCED SEVERAL NARROW ESCAPES IN WHAT SEEMS LIKE AN UNREASONABLY SHORT TIME, DON'T CUSS YOUR LUCK OR STEW ABOUT BEING IN THE BOSS' DOGHOUSE.

STUDY THE DETAIL OF THOSE ACCIDENTS OR NARROW ESCAPES. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE YOU'LL FIND THAT EACH EXPERIENCE FOLLOWS THE SAME GENERAL PATTERN. ACCIDENT-PRONE DRIVERS, YOU KNOW, ARE APT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE SAME TYPE OF ACCIDENT OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

ONE DRIVER MAY HAVE A SERIES OF SKIDDING EXPERIENCES. WITH ANOTHER HIS TROUBLE WILL BE AT INTERSECTIONS. OTHER DRIVERS WILL HAVE ALL THEIR TROUBLE WHILE BACKING UP.

USUALLY THE CURE IS NOTHING MORE THAN SLIGHT CORRECTION OF ONE BAD HABIT. WHAT THAT ONE LITTLE HABIT IS MAY NOT BE OB-

VIOUS TO YOU, UNLESS YOU REALLY STUDY THE PATTERN OF YOUR ACCIDENTS AND NARROW ESCAPES.

(THE SAFE DRIVER)

#### OFF-THE-JOB ACCIDENTS

IN 1942, 34,000 WORKERS WHO WERE BADLY NEEDED IN WAR WORK WERE KILLED IN OFF-THE-JOB ACCIDENTS. FOUR PERMANENT DISABILITIES RESULTED FROM OFF-THE-JOB ACCIDENTS TO EVERY PERMANENT DISABILITY FROM ACCIDENTS ON THE JOB.

IF YOU WONDER WHAT YOU, AS AN INDIVIDUAL CAN DO TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION, APPLY THE AXIOM "EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER". SAFETY PROGRAMS AND METHODS ON-THE-JOB HAVE BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE. YOU CAN CARRY THEM OFF THE JOB.

AT WORK YOU WHO ARE SAFETY-MINDED DO NOT HESITATE TO SPEAK TO A FELLOW WORKER WHO IS DOING SOMETHING CARELESS. YOU KNOW YOU MAY BE PREVENTING AN ACCIDENT AND THAT YOU ARE TEACHING AND BENEFITING SOMEONE WHO IS NOT SAFETY-MINDED. WHEN YOU GO OFF THE JOB, WHY STOP ALL EFFORTS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS? WHY TAKE THE ATTITUDE, "LET HIM GET HURT IF HE HASN'T MORE SENSE." SUCH AN ATTITUDE DOES NOT IMPROVE THE RECORD IN OFF-THE-JOB ACCIDENTS.

ASSUME THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT PREVENTION OFF THE JOB AS YOU DO ON THE JOB; IT WILL BE A DEFINITE CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION'S WAR EFFORT.

(PUBLIC SAFETY)

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\* MAKE CAREFULNESS A HABIT! \*  
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## HAZARD HUNTING

HAZARD HUNTING REQUIRES NO COSTLY EQUIPMENT OR EXPENSIVE AMMUNITION. IN FACT, YOU DON'T EVEN NEED A LICENSE. AN ALERT MIND, SHARP EYES AND EARS AND A SENSE OF CAUTION ARE THE ONLY NECESSITIES. ANOTHER NICE THING ABOUT HUNTING HAZARDS — YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE UP YOUR LEAVE TIME TO ENJOY THIS SPORT! AND, WHAT'S MORE, THE SAFETY SECTION SUGGESTS THAT ALL EMPLOYEES SHOULD INCLUDE HAZARD HUNTING AS PART OF THEIR DAILY ROUTINE.

A HAZARD OFTEN HIDES LIKE A "WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING" AND UNLESS WE ARE ON OUR TOES WE MAY MISTAKE ITS IDENTITY OR LOSE ITS TRACKS THROUGH LACK OF CAREFUL OBSERVATION.

TAKE WORKING WITH ELECTRICITY, FOR INSTANCE. WE ALL KNOW THAT ELECTROCUTION IS THE HAZARD TO AVOID, BUT STILL DAMP FLOORS, FRAYED WIRES, OR WORN SWITCHES ARE TELL TALE TRACKS, LEADING TO AN INJURY WE OFTEN MISS.

SCAFFOLD WORK MIGHT ALSO BE CITED. A FALL IS THE HAZARD FOR WHICH ONE MUST BE ON THE ALERT. WORN TACKLE, CRACKED STAGE PLANKS AND FAULTY BRACINGS ARE SOME OF THE TRACKS WE MUST LOOK FOR IF WE WANT TO TREE THE HAZARD.

ONCE THE HAZARD IS TREED, IT'S A SIMPLE MATTER TO DO AWAY WITH IT BY REPAIRING OR REPLACING THE DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT, IN OTHER WORDS "KILLING THE HAZARD BEFORE IT GROWS INTO A BIG VICIOUS ACCIDENT."

START NOW AND TRACK 'EM DOWN! REMEMBER, IT'S ALWAYS OPEN SEASON IN THE HUNT FOR HAZARDS!

("OLD MAN RIVER")

### CHECK THESE FIRE HAZARDS

YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANY CHANCES OF HAVING YOUR HOME DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY FIRE, THESE DAYS. YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO REBUILD UNTIL AFTER THE WAR. YOU WOULD LOSE MANY THINGS WHICH YOU CAN'T REPLACE TODAY. AND — YOU WOULD BE GIVING AID AND COMFORT TO OUR ENEMIES BY DESTROYING A PART OF OUR NATIONAL WEALTH AT A VERY CRITICAL TIME.

THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOUR HOME AGAINST FIRE IS TO STOP IT BEFORE IT STARTS; TO ELIMINATE THE CONDITIONS THAT CAUSE FIRE. HERE ARE THE FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE FIRES THAT OCCUR IN HOMES:

CIGARETTES. THEY CAUSE ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR HOME FIRES. NEVER LAY DOWN A LIGHTED CIGARETTE. DON'T SMOKE IN BED. HAVE PLENTY OF ASH TRAYS HANDY AND EXTINGUISH YOUR CIGARETTE BEFORE THROWING IT AWAY.

OILY OR PAINT-SOAKED RAGS MAY CAUSE SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE STORED IN SOME WARM PLACE. KEEP THEM IN AN AIR-TIGHT CAN OR BURN THEM UP IF YOU HAVEN'T A SAFE PLACE TO STORE THEM.

CLEAN OUT THE CELLAR. DON'T PERMIT COMBUSTIBLE RUBBISH TO ACCUMULATE NEAR YOUR HEATING SYSTEM. DON'T PUT HOT ASHES IN WOODEN CONTAINERS. KEEP YOUR

CELLAR NEAT AND CLEAN.

FIREPLACES. SCREEN YOUR FIREPLACE BEFORE LEAVING IT—EVEN FOR A FEW MINUTES. DON'T BURN TOO BIG A FIRE OR ONE THAT SWIRLS GLOWING EMBERS OR LIGHTED PAPERS UP THE CHIMNEY. HAVE THE FLUE CLEANED IF IT IS SCOTCHED UP AND BE SURE THE CHIMNEY IS IN GOOD CONDITION.

CHECK YOUR FURNACE FLUE PIPE. IF IT IS BADLY RUSTED IT MAY PERMIT SPARKS OR HOT GASES TO ESCAPE. HAVE AN EXPERT CHECK OVER YOUR OIL BURNER AND CONTROLS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

CLEAN OUT THE ATTIC. IF AN INCENDIARY BOMB SHOULD DROP THROUGH YOUR ROOF, DON'T GIVE IT A LOT OF FUEL TO FEED ON. THE COUNTRY NEEDS THE WASTE PAPER AND SCRAP METAL THAT MAY BE LYING IDLE IN YOUR ATTIC TO HELP WIN THE WAR.

BEWARE OF HOT FAT. ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO EXTINGUISH BURNING FAT IS TO SLIP A COVER OVER IT. THIS SHUTS OUT THE AIR. DON'T USE WATER; IT MAY SPREAD THE FIRE. CONTROL THE HEAT UNDER BOILING FAT SO THAT IT DOES NOT GET TOO HOT.

ELECTRIC APPLIANCES. TURN OFF OR DISCONNECT YOUR ELECTRIC IRON BEFORE LEAVING IT TO ANSWER DOOR OR TELEPHONE. REPLACE WORN EXTENSION CORDS ON LAMPS AND APPLIANCES. USE FUSES RECOMMENDED BY YOUR ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY AND DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR CIRCUITS.

(THE TRAVELERS STANDARD)

### IMPROVISED EQUIPMENT

IN THE ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE

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\* EYES THAT SEE AND BRAINS THAT THINK \*

\* ARE THE BEST SAFETY DEVICES — USE THEM \*

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SUPPLIES OF STANDARD EQUIPMENT, THE FIRE PROTECTION FRATERNITY HAS BEEN PUT TO THE CHALLENGE OF IMPROVISING, FROM SUCH MATERIALS AS ARE AVAILABLE, FIRE-APPARATUS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE. WITH A LITTLE INGENUITY, THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF EXPEDIENTS THAT MAY BE PUT INTO EFFECT, NONE OF THEM EQUIVALENT TO STANDARD APPARATUS BUT NEVERTHELESS USEFUL UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS. WATER BUCKETS AND SAND, EVEN WOODEN WATER BUCKETS, MAY BE PROVIDED WHERE STANDARD EXTINGUISHERS CANNOT BE OBTAINED. THE OLD-FASHIONED SODA AND SAWDUST MIXTURE MAY BE USED FOR SMALL FLAMMABLE LIQUID FIRES. HOSE MAY BE TAKEN FROM STANDPIPES IN BUILDINGS WHERE THE BUILDINGS ARE OF FIRE-RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION AND THERE ARE NO COMBUSTIBLE CONTENTS. TREE SPRAYERS AND OTHER SPRAYING EQUIPMENT HAVING TANKS, PUMPS AND HOSE, MAY BE PRESSED INTO SERVICE FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN THE EMERGENCY. BILGE PUMPS FROM MOTOR BOATS AND OTHER SMALL HAND PUMPS CAN BE CONVERTED TO MAKE STIRRUP PUMPS.

(NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION)

#### SAFE AT HOME

MORE ACCIDENTS HAPPEN AT HOME THAN IN ANY OTHER PLACE. INTENSIVE SAFETY WORK HAS BROUGHT INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS STEADILY DOWNWARD BUT THE HOUSEHOLDER IS HARDER TO REACH WITH INFORMATION ABOUT ACCIDENTS THAN THE MAN AT WORK IN INDUSTRY.

EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR, HOME

ACCIDENTS TAKE ABOUT 89 LIVES IN THE UNITED STATES AND DIS-ABLE MORE THAN 13,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

A LITTLE CARE AND FORE-THOUGHT WOULD PREVENT MOST OF THESE ACCIDENTS. WHEN YOU HANG THAT PICTURE, HANG IT SECURELY. REQUEST YOUR WIFE TO THOROUGH-LY RUB DOWN THE FLOORS WHEN SHE WAXES THEM, SO NO SOFT, SLIPPERY WAX REMAINS UNDER THE HARD SURFACE.

IN THE KITCHEN, KEEP MATCH-ES AWAY FROM CHILDREN. TURN THE HANDLES OF FRYING AND COOK-ING PANS BACK WHEN THEY ARE ON THE STOVE. BE SURE THE ELEC-TRICAL APPLIANCES AND THEIR CORDS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.

MAKE A THOROUGH CLEAN-UP OF THE HOUSE, BASEMENT, STEPS AND THE OUTSIDE YARD ONCE EACH WEEK. BY DOING IT EACH WEEK IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH TIME OR EF-FORT.

USE A LITTLE COMMON SENSE AND FORESIGHT WHEN WALKING A-BOU THE HOUSE WITH NOTHING TO DO. HOW CAN YOU PREVENT A RE-PETITION OF THAT FALL YOUR WIFE TOOK LAST WEEK? HOW CAN YOU PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THAT CUT YOUR YOUNG SON HAD ON HIS FINGER YESTERDAY? EITHER OF THEM MIGHT HAVE BEEN SERI-OUS.

MAKE YOURSELF THE SAFETY ENGINEER OF YOUR HOME. ENLIST THE COOPERATION OF OTHER MEM-BERS OF YOUR FAMILY AND MAKE THEM YOUR ASSISTANTS. YOU WILL FIND THAT MUCH CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS RIGHT IN

YOUR OWN HOME.

("HOME SAFETY")

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

DO YOU THINK PLAYING SAFE MEANS BEING A "SISSY"? DO YOU THINK SAFETY IS A "NUISANCE" IN PRODUCTION? DO YOU THINK SAFE-TY IS UNIMPORTANT AND NON-ESS-ENTIAL?

OR, ARE YOU A REAL AMERICAN, WHO IS WORKING TO PRESERVE HIS COUNTRY AND EVERYTHING FOR WHICH AMERICA STANDS? ARE YOU A REAL AMERICAN, WHO REALIZES THAT:

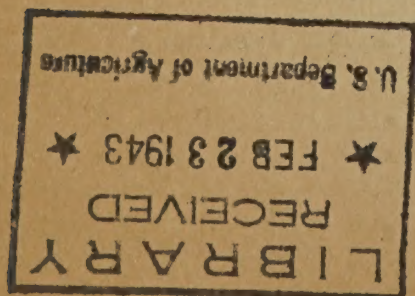
SAFETY PROLONGS LIFE  
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SAFETY BUILDS SELF-RESPECT  
AMONG FELLOW WORKERS  
SAFETY IS THAT MEASURE OF PRE-CAUTION THAT DETERMINES ON WHOSE SIDE YOU ARE FIGHTING—AMERICANS OR HITLER AND HIROHITO'S.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS, 42,600 AMERICAN WAR PRODUCTION WORKERS HAVE BEEN KILLED, EITHER ON OR OFF THE JOB, SINCE PEARL HARBOR. WHOSE VICTORY IS THAT?

ARE YOU HELPING THE AXIS, OR ARE YOU WORKING SAFELY? ONE ACCIDENT IS AN INDICATION THAT SOMEONE HAS FAILED..THAT SOME-ONE IS DOING INFERIOR WORK.... THAT SOMEONE IN A GROUP OF WORKMEN IS NOT WORKING ON OUR SIDE...FOR AMERICA.

WORK SAFELY...FOR YOUR OWN WELL-BEING, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR FELLOW-WORKERS, FOR YOUR COUNTRY, FOR FREEDOM, FOR RIGHT.

(U.S.E.D. SAFETY BULLETIN)



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\* SAFETY IS CONTAGIOUS AND A \*  
\* GOOD THING TO CATCH \*  
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